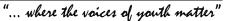


CITY OF LONG BEACH

COMMISSION ON YOUTH AND CHILDREN





MINUTES **July 27, 2005**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Batton, Co-Chair, called the meeting of the Commission on Youth and Children to order at 5:15 p.m., in the large conference room at the Parks, Recreation and Marine Senior Center. Roll call was taken and a quorum was confirmed.

Present:

Pierre Batton, Co-Chair Rebecca Turrentine, Co-Chair

Sotheara Chhay Marc Rothenberg
Marty Isozaki Lou Santos
Jeanetta McAlpin Chanel Suares
Jon Meyer Chelsii Summerville

Absent:

Helen Ingram (excused) Mary Soth (excused)

Victor Perez (excused) Jessica Quintana (excused)

Lauren Perry (excused)

Staff:

Cynthia Fogg, Superintendent, Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine Andrew Romero, Youth Specialist, Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine Dan Hendricks, Commission Clerk, Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine Christina Santos, Research and Data Specialist, Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine

Guests:

Phil T. Hester, Director, Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine Cecile Walters, Neighborhood Services Bureau Justin Frech, Youth Venture David Dinh, Youth Venture

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Batton and seconded by Commissioner Suares to approve the June 22, 2005 Commission on Youth and Children minutes with corrections. The motion carried unanimously.

III. COMMENTS

Justin French and David Dinh, of Youth Venture discussed their program, which is somewhat similar to the Long Beach Youth Fund, and asked to make a more complete presentation to the Commission at a later time.

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Commissioner Chanel Suares announced her resignation, which will go into effect before the August Commission meeting so a replacement may be appointed at the August 23 City Council meeting. Commissioner Suares will be attending college and no longer residing in Long Beach.

A letter of resignation from Commissioner Jennifer To was also delivered to the Commission.

Commissioner Lou Santos announced his resignation from the Commission, as he will be moving out of Long Beach. He thanked many members of the Commission for their time and efforts in helping him, and received a parting gift from Andrew Romero.

Commissioner Marc Rothenberg discussed his attendance at the Comedians Against Violence show, and strongly recommended that any Commissioners who could attend do so next year, as the program was excellent.

It was suggested by Commission Co-Chair Turrentine that a method of tracking items which the Commission has acted upon be developed. Her idea is to track whether or not the Commission seems to be having an effect on the topics it is issuing comments on.

Andrew Romero was requesting volunteers to attend the Governor and First Lady's Conference on Women and Families. They have spots for up to ten young women from the Commission and District Level Youth Advisory Councils.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT TO THE COMMISSION

Superintendent Fogg discussed the Youth Services monthly highlights for June. She also discussed the current composition of the Commission and briefed the Commission on which Commissioners were retiring, and who the City Council was likely to appoint in their places.

Ms. Fogg then discussed the Long Beach health Assessment Planning team, and the survey they are doing on health issues within Long Beach. Their poll was asking for the top ten health concerns in Long Beach. Superintendent Fogg requested that the Commissioners fill out these polls, and voice their opinion on the matter.

Superintendent Fogg reviewed America's Promise's search for the 100 Best Communities for Youth. She informed the Commission that she has applied on behalf of Long Beach, and handed out copies of the application. She informed the Commission that Commission Co-Chair Batton was cited as the contact for youth.

Cynthia Fogg discussed the City Ethics Handbook, with particular regard to the proposed Mayoral Candidates Forum and that the Commissioners are not allowed to voice their support of any candidate while acting in any official manner, or while using their title of Commissioner.

The Commission reviewed some of the budget issues, based off the packets handed out at a recent budget meeting. Phil T. Hester answered several questions on the

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budget, and the Commissioners began to discuss which issues were most important to them. Individual comment cards were filled out, and the Commissioners engaged in a round table discussion of issues important to each of them. Comments were given as follows:

- Concern about reductions in the sports programs as it was felt the sports programs helped battle childhood obesity and kept youth out of gangs
- Suggestion that programs that get funding cuts be set up to be partially funded through private donations
- Suggestion that added revenue be added by billing for video copies of City Council Meetings
- Suggestion to reinstate a portion of the Utility Tax
- Suggested cutting street sweeping services
- Concern about cutting the PAL program
- There was concern that one teen center was going to be closed completely, and it
 was thought that it would be preferable to cut hours at all than to completely remove
 one site.
- The use of local television and newspapers to inform the populace as to proposed budget cuts

It was moved by Commission Co-Chair Turrentine and seconded by Commissioner Suares authorize staff to draft a letter summarizing collective comments to submit to the budget office based upon the Commission's discussion on the budget. The motion carried unanimously.

V. CO-CHAIRS REPORT TO THE COMMISSION

The Co-chairs bid farewell to the outgoing Commissioners.

VI. <u>REPORTS</u>

a. Committees

I. <u>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</u>, Commissioners Turrentine and Batton, Co-Chairs

(13 July 05)

The Executive Committee planned out the agenda for the July CYC meeting.

II. PROFILE PROJECT COMMITTEE

Suspended until the City Council rules on the Annual Report Recommendation that the project be continued.

III. <u>PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE</u> Committee Co-Chairs Chhay and McAlpin

Working on preliminary plans for the Mayoral Candidates Forum.

b. Standing Items

I. Education and Youth Strategic Plan

There were no comments on the plan at this meeting.

II. <u>District Level Youth Advisory Councils</u>

Report on DLYAC meetings

Andrew Romero and the various youth Commissioners present reported on the following schedules for the District Level Youth Advisory Councils.

District 1 Did Not Meet

District 2 Did Not Meet

District 3 Did Not Meet

District 4 Did Not Meet

District 5 Did Not Meet

District 6 Did Not Meet

District 7 Did Not Meet

District 8 Made presentation to City Council showing their activities over the last year.

District 9 Will meet the Friday after the August CYC meeting.

III. Youth and Gang Violence Task Force (June 13)

The Task Force was dark in July, and their retreat initially scheduled for August 6 is to be rescheduled. They are now talking about moving into the second phase of the Task Force, with a new Chair, Olivia Hollie. Their next meeting was scheduled for August 8, 2005.

IV. Long Beach Youth Fund

The monies were allocated to the Long Beach Youth Fund Committee, which is now assigning people to follow up on their grants to ensure that they are using the funds that were granted to them. The next cycle will begin as soon as they have new funding. There was some discussion on the stipends given to members of the Youth Fund Committee.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

Incoming -

Outgoing -

VIII. <u>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</u>

- a. Youth Leadership Institute (YLI) Workshops for CYC <u>Status</u>: 2nd of 4
 Awaiting response on proposal for producing an in-house DLYAC handbook and utilizing the rest of the contract to assist in the proposed Mayoral Forum during the upcoming Mayoral elections.
- b. **Harbor Commission –** Awaiting funding request status
- c. CYC Annual Report, January 04-December 04, including the *Profile of Long Beach Youth and Children* Pending Committee meeting

Some of the recommendations made in January as part of the Commission's Annual Report needed to be reworded to be more in line with the resolution forming the Commission.

It was moved by Commission Co-Chair Batton and seconded by Commissioner Chhay to ratify the revisions made to the recommendations and authorize staff to submit to the Economic Development and Finance Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

d. Mayoral Candidate Forum

Discussion on the Mayoral Candidates forum involved the realization that the group planning it should be a Special Events Committee and not a Standing Committee as the group will simply be doing planning for a one time event.

It was moved by Commissioner Meyer and seconded by Commissioner
Rothenberg to ratify the Committee's name to indicate it is a special events
planning group, and not a standing committee. The motion carried
unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Suares and seconded by Commissioner Santos to approve the appointment of Commission Co-Chair Batton and Commissioners Chhay, Isozaki, McAlpin and Meyer to the Mayoral Forum Special Events Planning Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

e. Children's Day Referral 🗹

Staff presented the Commission with a draft letter based on their discussion of the referral at the previous meeting.

It was moved by Commission Co-Chair Batton and seconded by Commissioner Suares to approve the draft letter and authorize staff to transmit to Mayor O'Neill and members of the City Council. The motion carried unanimously.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

a. Dialogue on Commission's Calendar of Future Topics – It was decided to hold over the Dialogue on future topics until after the new Commissioners were added to the Commission.

X. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 24, at 5:00 p.m.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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It was moved by Commission Co-Chair Turrentine and seconded by Commissioner Chhay to adjourn the meeting of the Commission on Youth and Children at 6:45 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

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